



Press Conference for Drug Endangered Children Awareness Day To Be Held

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Topeka--The Kansas Alliance for Drug Endangered Children is holding a press conference in recognition of the first annual Drug Endangered Children Awareness Day. The press conference will be held on Tuesday, April 26, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. on the south steps of the Capitol (Dillon House in the case of inclement weather). Speakers at the event will include Attorney General Derek Schmidt, Shawnee County Sheriff Richard Barta, Kansas Alliance for Drug Endangered Children representative Angie Gabel, and two speakers who will share their personal stories involving drug endangered children. Speakers will be available for interview after the event.

On Friday, March 25th, 2011 Gov. Sam Brownback signed a proclamation establishing DEC Awareness Day to help raise awareness of the many risks faced by children living in dangerous drug environments. A Drug Endangered Child is one found in an environment where illegal drugs are manufactured, sold, distributed, used or where there is other significant evidence of illegal drugs. It is estimated that 62,680 Kansas children are living in an environment where substances are abused and approximately 4,599 Kansas infants are born substance-exposed every year.

More information about Drug Endangered Children and ideas about how to get involved in DEC Awareness Day are available at www.ksmethpreventionproject.org/decindex.htm.

The Kansas Alliance for Drug Endangered Children is a statewide, multi-disciplinary collaboration empowering communities in preventing, protecting and serving children in drug endangered environments by providing resources, education, leadership and support.